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In re Application of

John Vivian WOOD et al

Art Unit: 3731

Application No: 09/514,759

Examiner:
Michael H. Thaler

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For: A BIOCOMPATIBLE GRIPPING DEVICE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Washington, D.C. 20231

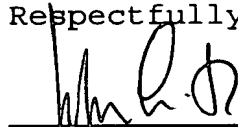
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Applicant hereby petitions for three months' extension of time, i.e. until July 28, 2002, for reply to the Office Action dated January 28, 2002, under 37 CFR 1.136(a). A check in the amount of \$920 for the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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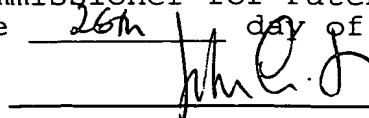
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